



## **A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director**

The energy coming out of the **2026 Global Health Policy Forum** in New York City has been truly remarkable. Leaders from across sectors gathered to explore the forces reshaping global health and the partnerships, financing models, and systems needed to sustain equitable access in a changing world. The conversations sparked new ideas, strengthened connections, and reinforced the importance of collaboration at this moment for global health. If you were unable to join us - or would like to revisit the discussions - I encourage you to explore the newly released [Forum Summary Report](#).

That same spirit of collaboration continued throughout May across the PQMD network. Our members-only Coffee Chat created space for members to reflect on the ideas and challenges emerging from the Forum and where there may be opportunities for continued engagement and action. This week we are also convening a timely Pillar Talk on long-term care and the changing realities of aging populations and chronic disease. You can [register here to join this webinar](#).

Another yield of the GHPF was the launch of the new **PQMD Honors Program**, established as part of PQMD's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to recognize the individuals and organizations whose leadership, partnership, and commitment to collaboration have helped shape PQMD and strengthen the global health community. We invite you to [visit our PQMD Honors webpage](#) to learn more about the program and celebrate our inaugural honorees.

I am also happy to welcome [RestoringVision](#) as PQMD's newest member this spring! Their commitment to expanding access to vision care and strengthening quality health services reflects the collaborative spirit that defines this network, and we look forward to the expertise and perspective they will bring to our community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue building on the energy throughout the summer. The next session of our **Global Health & Development Essentials course** [link] will begin in July, equipping professionals across the sector with practical grounding in global health systems, policy, and humanitarian response. Later that month, we will host a virtual [overview of PQMD's Aligned Metrics Initiative \(AMI\) Toolkit](#), showcasing how organizations across our network are strengthening impact measurement and storytelling through shared frameworks and aligned indicators. And as planning continues for the **2026 Collaboration & Learning Forum**, we look forward to creating even more opportunities for peer learning, connection, and shared problem-solving across the PQMD community.

And in addition to all these activities and milestones, I want to acknowledge the extraordinary humanitarian efforts of our members responding to ongoing needs across the world, including in the Middle East, with Ebola in Africa, conflicts in Ukraine, Sudan and so much more. Even amid complex operational realities and significant uncertainty, members continue to coordinate, adapt, and deliver critical support to communities in need. The compassion, professionalism, and commitment demonstrated across this network remain deeply inspiring.

As we move into the summer months, I look forward to continuing these conversations, strengthening our partnerships, and building on the momentum we have created together. Thank you, as always, for the expertise, engagement, and humanity you bring every day.



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### **2026 GHPF Event Summary Report Now Available**

As global health faces growing financial, operational, and geopolitical pressure, the 2026 PQMD Global Health Policy Forum brought together leaders across sectors to explore what it will take to sustain access to care in a rapidly changing environment. Across four days of candid discussion, participants examined the future of financing, country-led systems, frontline delivery, supply chains, AI, crisis response, and the partnerships needed to move from policy to practice. [Explore the report for key themes, insights and reflections from this year's Forum](#) and [browse the event photo album](#).

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## Pillar Talk Webinar - Emerging Issues in Global Health: Long Term Care | May 28 | 11:00 AM ET

This week, PQMD is convening a timely Pillar Talk exploring the growing global challenge of long-term care and the workforce, systems, and partnerships needed to support aging populations and chronic disease care worldwide. The discussion will highlight how demographic and social shifts are reshaping care delivery across settings and what these changes mean for the future of global health. [Register now to join the conversation!](#)

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## Welcoming RestoringVision to PQMD

We are delighted to welcome **RestoringVision** as the newest member of the PQMD coalition. With a strong commitment to expanding access to vision care worldwide, RestoringVision brings valuable expertise and perspective to our shared work advancing quality, partnership, and equitable access to care.

We invite you to [read the full welcome announcement](#) to learn more.

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The next session of PQMD's **Global Health & Development Essentials** course kicks off July 8! This 8-week program offers a practical introduction to global health and development, covering policy; key actors and frameworks; disaster and pandemic response; the role of medical product donations within complex health systems; and much more. [Learn more & enroll today!](#)

***Complimentary for official PQMD member representatives!***

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## AMI Toolkit Overview Webinar | July 28 | 11:00 AM ET

Join PQMD for a discussion on the Aligned Metrics Initiative (AMI) and Toolkit, featuring perspectives from corporate, NGO, and implementing partners who helped shape a recommended set of aligned indicators for medical product donation programs. Moving beyond traditional output metrics, AMI lays out a modular framework and helps organizations measure the areas where donated products make the most difference over time:

**increasing availability of essential products, sustaining partnerships that enable care, expanding capacity to deliver care, and improving quality of care.** The session will explore these impact areas and share how the toolkit can be used to strengthen impact measurement and storytelling consistently across programs and partners. [Register Now!](#)



As part of PQMD's 25th anniversary celebration, we were proud to launch the new **PQMD Honors Program** during the 2026 Global Health Policy Forum in New York City. The program recognizes the individuals and organizations whose leadership, partnership, and commitment to collaboration have helped shape PQMD and strengthen the global health community. This year we were honored to recognize:

- **Brenda Colatrella** (right) - 25th Anniversary Founder's Legacy Award
- **Dr. Jeffrey Sturchio** (left) - PQMD Global Health Ambassador Award
- **Merck** (Dr. Allison Goldberg, center) - PQMD Legacy of Leadership Award

[Learn more about the awards and our inaugural recipients!](#)



Ahead of the GHPF, PQMD members reconvened for a members-only disaster coordination call focused on the evolving humanitarian situation across the Middle East. Participants shared updates on ongoing response efforts supporting displaced and vulnerable populations, while discussing operational challenges including access constraints, security concerns, supply chain disruptions, and cross-border logistics.

More recently, PQMD coordinated a rapid-response all-call on the Ebola outbreak in the DRC and surrounding region. Members heard directly from response leaders and regional experts on the rapidly evolving situation, urgent preparedness and containment priorities, and critical needs including PPE, IPC supplies, WASH support, and cross-border surveillance.

These calls continue to demonstrate the value of PQMD's trusted network - providing space for timely, coordinated action during moments of crisis.



We are proud to share that **Jill A. Pall, PQMD's Senior Director of Membership**, was recently honored with the **Union County Human Relations Commission's Unity Award for Achievement in Healthcare** in recognition of her extraordinary leadership and community impact through [The Aliver Foundation](#).

Through her advocacy and lifesaving work expanding access to public AED equipment and emergency preparedness education, Jill continues to demonstrate the power of purpose-driven leadership and service. Please join us in congratulating Jill on this well-deserved recognition and celebrating the meaningful impact she continues to make both within and beyond the PQMD community.



PQMD members recently came together for a [members-only Coffee Chat](#) to continue the conversations sparked during the 2026 Global Health Policy Forum. In an informal and forward-looking discussion, members reflected on the ideas, challenges, and emerging themes that resonated most across the Forum, while identifying opportunities for continued collaboration and engagement across the network. As always, the session highlighted the value of PQMD's trusted member community and the importance of creating space for candid peer exchange in a rapidly evolving global health landscape.



**Upcoming Meetings & Events: Members, where will you be?**

A comprehensive [list of upcoming meetings, conferences, and summits](#) is now available on the members-only CoP. We've noted where PQMD expects to be present, and we'd welcome your input - please comment or reach out to share which events you or your organization plan to attend, or to suggest additional opportunities.

A green banner for the PQMD 2026 Collaboration & Learning Forum. On the left, there is a white box containing the PQMD logo (Partnership for Quality Medical Decisions) and the text "2026 Collaboration & Learning Forum". Below this box, it says "Thank You to our Sponsor & Host: J&J Foundation and Operation Smile". To the right of the box, the text "SAVE THE DATES!" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below that, the dates "OCTOBER 20-22, 2026" and the location "OPERATION SMILE | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA" are displayed in dark blue and black text.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

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#WhyPQMD

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Being part of PQMD is about real relationships, not just logos on a website, but people you can call when things get complicated. It gives us a space to roll up our sleeves together and work through complex challenges in global health in a way none of us could do alone. And over time, those partnerships turn into genuine friendships built on trust, shared purpose, and a lot of mutual respect.

Kyle Guerin  
Director, Corporate Social Responsibility  
Henry Schein Cares

Reason #2  
Develop deep, meaningful partnerships with peers committed to solving complex global health challenges.

**25 Reasons to Join** 

## 25 Reasons to Join PQMD

For 25 years, PQMD has brought together leaders committed to responsible, collaborative global health action. Explore the many ways membership strengthens partnerships, programs, and impact.

[See all 25 reasons.](#)



## UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES FROM ACROSS PQMD'S COLLABORATIVE GROUPS



## WORKING GROUPS

### Current Working Group (WG) Updates:

- **Disaster Response Hub:** At the next meeting on June 10, the group will focus on planning September (Disaster Month) programming and identifying key disaster and humanitarian response takeaways to pull out of the Global Health Policy Forum (GHPF).
- **Rare Diseases:** This month, the Rare Disease Working Group finalized their updates to the latest edition of PQMD's [Rare Disease Guidelines](#).

## MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

### Introducing Two New Member Interest Groups (MIGs):

- **Innovative Finance & Investment:** This new group will explore thematic discussions on innovative finance and organizational readiness to engage. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 12:00 PM ET.
- **NGO Advancement:** Designed as a trusted peer space for NGO professionals, this group will focus on fundraising priorities, trends, strategies, and learning. An agenda-shaping survey will be shared soon.

### Current MIG Updates:

- **AI:** Capitalizing on momentum from GHPF, members should keep an eye out for an upcoming survey and next meeting announcement.
- **Domestic Disaster Response & Recovery: Members** recently gathered to discuss upcoming changes to HRSA's 340B program and how those will impact coordination strategies, resource sharing, and approaches for collaborating with local implementing partners. The group's next meeting will be scheduled soon and will focus on preparedness for the 2026 hurricane season.

### **WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

[Sign up here](#) to join upcoming group discussions and engagement opportunities.

Curious what other groups are meeting or interested in connecting around a new topic? [Explore existing groups or start your own here.](#)

Stay up to date on upcoming discussions, webinars, and member activities through [PQMD's rolling events calendar here.](#)



### **Stay Informed!**

We encourage you to [follow us on LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates on PQMD programs, products and resources.



Next Month's Theme:  
**Refugees & IDPs**